GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Export of Services
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports of services during the last three years and the current year;
(b) the contribution of service sector exports to the Gross Domestic Product and its share in global exports of services during the said period;
(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take steps to make India a global services hub;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
(e) the extent to which it is likely to improve India"s share in global exports of services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 315 FOR ANSWER ON 08TH AUGUST, 2016 REGARDING "EXPORT OF SERVICES"

(a) The details with regard to services exports from India during last three years as recorded in India's balance of payments statistics are given in the table below.

Table: Services Exports from India
(US$ Million)

Year	Services Exports
2013-14	151,813
2014-15	158,107
2015-16	154,311
2016-17 (Apr-May)*	26,368

Source: Balance of payments statistics, RBI.
*Provisional, RBI website

(b) The contribution of Service Sector exports to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 was 8.2%, 7.7% and 7.4% respectively. As per WTO database, India's share in global commercial services exports was 3.2% from 2012 to 2014.

(c), (d) & (e): Services sector has emerged a key driver of India's economic growth contributing substantially to Gross Value Added, employment & trade. The sector plays a vital role in the success of Make in India initiative. Further, the surplus on services exports finances more than 50% of merchandise trade deficit. In view of the important role played by the services exports in our economy, Government of India follows a multi-pronged strategy for enhancing services exports. These include negotiating meaningful market access through multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral negotiations, trade promotion through participation in international fairs/exhibitions and focussed strategies for specific markets and sectors. Further, there are domestic sectoral challenges and difficulties. These are identified and sought to be addressed through consultations with stakeholders. Government of India also provides some fiscal benefits through Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) for some identified sectors as per budget availability. These initiatives are expected to enhance services exports from India.
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